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Today Census material continues to be a primary source of information and the latest release of data, which includes Family and Labour Force data, Time Series and Indigenous Profiles, Classification Counts, Final Estimated Resident Population data and the Thematic Profile Series, represents the bulk of second release data.

These datasets provide you with an even greater opportunity to get a deeper understanding of Australian people and Australian society. I encourage you to read the articles in this issue for explanations of the datasets.

I am also very pleased to announce the availability of the entire range of Social Atlases: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Darwin and Canberra.

If you need statistics about your capital city and prefer information to be presented on maps rather than in tables, a Social Atlas is the perfect census resource for you.

The Atlases really do make interesting reading and provide numerous fascinating insights into Australian capital cities, there is an article on the series in this issue. If you would like to view the Atlases, drop into one of our ABS bookshops; there is one located in every capital city! Or, you can purchase immediately using the order form included.

You will be interested to know we have provided selected Basic Community Profile data for all Statistical Local Areas in Australia on the internet. Click here to obtain free selected Basic Community Profile data which is on this web site.

The internet represents an ideal vehicle for disseminating data and the ABS continues to develop further opportunities for disseminating ABS data.

Hope you enjoy this first issue of Census Update for 1998, your comments and feedback are always welcome.

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Family and Labour Force Data

Family and Labour Force Data



**available
now**

Second release datasets are now available and include all of the data contained in release 1 as well as additional data. So what does the second release actually consist of?

It contains a number of Community Profiles. These are a set of tables which provide detailed and comprehensive census data on persons, families and dwellings from small areas right up to a State or even the whole of Australia. Each Community Profile provides a number of tables containing a range of census variables.

The Profiles enable comparisons to be made between different areas of similar size on a number of social, economic and demographic variables.

They are also an excellent tool for research, planning, and analysis of particular areas or regions of interest. Community Profiles form the basis of many Census products and several more Profiles are included in the second release data - the full set of tables from the Basic Community Profile (BCP), Time Series Profile (TSP) as well as the Indigenous Profile (IP).

The Basic Community Profile is an economical way of obtaining a statistical picture of local communities. It is also the only standard profile which covers economic, social and housing characteristics at the Collection District level. All 32 tables contained in the BCP are now available, covering more complex census variables, including post school educational qualification, data on families and children, characteristics of group households, hours worked, proficiency in English/language, family/ household income, journey to work details, and a range of labour force characteristics. The BCP is available in hard copy or electronic formats.

In hard copy format the **Selected Characteristics for Urban Centres and Localities** - series 2016.0-7 - and **Selected Family and Labour Force Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas** - series 2017.0-8 - publications also contain second release BCP tables for the respective State or Territory.

The **Time Series Profile** (TSP) contains comparable data from the 1986, 1991 and 1996 Censuses. The TSP is included in the second release of CDATA96, to clearly identify the demographic changes that have taken place in a specific area. These data can be used to plan for the future by accurately forecasting market directions and trends.

Also included in the second release of data from the Census are classification counts and final estimated resident population. **Classification Counts** give you a snapshot of States and capital cities.

Consisting of a column for each State or capital city, they provide frequency counts for all categories within census classifications. This information is useful to conduct an analysis on a State or capital city level rather than the smaller geographic areas available with Community Profile tables. Comparison of one State's data with those of other capital cities or States and Territories is also possible.

Final Estimated Resident Population data provide estimates of resident population in SLAs for each State and Territory. Data are presented in five year age groups (up to age 85) by

sex as at 30 June 1991 and 1996, based on the 1996 Census.

The **Indigenous Profile** contains data from the 1996 Census specific to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Australia (see further down for details on how to order this profile through the Thematic Profile Service). Included in the profile is a breakdown of the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander population by sex. In other tables, education is considered through variables such as age at leaving school, highest qualification, and language proficiency - all in relation to Indigenous people.

All of the data described above can be accessed in a variety of formats to suit individual needs. Major electronic products containing second release data are CDATA96 (available in June 1998), Census KeyData and CLIB96 (available in April 1998).

If you would like more information on any of these products or services, please call the ABS office in your State or Territory listed on the back page.

Social Atlas Series - Your Capital City at a Glance!

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The 1996 Census Social Atlases are now available. There is an atlas for each capital city, presenting the key...

- social
- demographic
- and economic characteristics

of each city in a map format. The whole set is available as a special deal.

Purchase the full set of Atlases and receive a 10% discount!

Information is provided on a number of different topics including population, ethnicity, education, families, income, labour force and dwellings. Each atlas has a common core set of maps to facilitate comparisons between cities. In addition, each Social Atlas includes maps that highlight any unique attributes pertaining to that particular capital city. For example, the Brisbane and Canberra Atlases have maps showing the number of people who speak Italian at home and where they live, while the Darwin Atlas features maps on domestic and overseas visitors.

Each topic is mapped down to Collection District level, containing on average approximately 225 households, providing both accuracy and detail.

Here are some examples of the information that can be found in the atlases:

Population in the Perth - Mandurah region grew by 10% between the 1991 and 1996 Censuses.

There were 42,525 employed people in Hobart who travelled to work by car. This was 78.3% of employed people.

There were 100,314 couples with dependent children in Adelaide at the 1996 Census, representing 36.8% of Adelaide families.

7,964 dwellings,

The maps are easy to interpret as the distribution of the data are represented by different colours or shadings. Informative commentary is also provided with each map, highlighting the main features and characteristics.

Presented in a convenient A4 format and spiral bound for ease of use, the atlases are a colourful and understandable reference. Additional reference maps - Statistical Local Areas, Postal Areas and Location Maps - are also included and useful when examining other geographic areas.

or 31% of all occupied private dwellings, were being purchased in Darwin at the time of the 1996 Census.

At the 1996 Census 1,076,760 people in Sydney were born overseas. This was more than one third of the population (34.5%), the highest percentage for any Australian capital city. This was a large increase from the 1986 Census when 840,730 (28.8%) were born overseas.

Get more out of CDATA96..

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with Detailed Base Map Data

Detailed Base Map is now available as an add-on to CDATA96. These data enable you to overlay features such as streets, post offices, hospitals, waterways, police stations, churches, schools and more onto maps generated with CDATA96.

Finding a specific location such as the intersection of two streets is now a simple search task with Detailed Base Map data. Once you have located the point of interest you can use CDATA96 to perform a demographic analysis of a surrounding area.

Similarly with Detailed Base Map data you can make informed assessments regarding the

Detailed Base Map enables you to :

- **plot potential sites and analyse the demographic data for a surrounding area**
- **analyse the level of public resources in any area you choose**
- **add more meaning to your maps by providing access to a wide range of features**

level of public utilities such as hospitals, schools, police stations and post offices in a particular region. You can also attach detailed labels to your maps which can include town or suburb names.

This will make your maps far more user friendly and meaningful.

In the following example a florist is looking for a site to locate a new outlet.

The Statistical Local Area of Booroondara Camberwell has been chosen to ascertain if the site on Toorak Rd would be suitable. The owner of the florist shop has already conducted a number of analyses and has determined that;

- a new site needs to be close to a hospital as many visitors to hospitals take flowers
- a new site should be close to a church as there is a large potential market in the supply of flowers for weddings and funerals, and
- in addition to the above, an ideal site should have good access to major roads for fast flower deliveries.

In order to undertake this analysis the florist selected the SLA of Booroondara Camberwell. She then overlaid the layer of street data and followed this by selecting hospitals and churches. The data variable depicting the number of people who earned more than \$1000 a week was also chosen to allow the florist to make an assessment of the income levels in the area.

Detailed Base Map data will enable you to get the most out of CDATA96 and assist your organisation in improving client service and market penetration.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has an extensive range of other data which can be imported directly into CDATA96. Whether you're interested in information on ethnicity in Australia or transportation, the ABS can provide information tailored to your needs. Call your State ABS office for more information on how we can help you.

Make Informed Decisions Faster

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Most organisations today face challenges from ever tightening budgets, reduced resources and difficult deadlines. CDATA96 can lift your organisation's performance and help meet these challenges.

CDATA96 covers a variety of aspects of Australian society including:

- Age
- Dwelling type
- Sex
- Educational attainment

CDATA96 can be a valuable tool in sales force management, in determining and checking marketing plans, promotional and advertising campaigns, analysing distribution decisions, and gaining a better understanding of your target markets.

Combining the wealth of demographic information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing with powerful mapping software, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' CCDATA96 empowers decision makers with fresh and incisive insights into the changing face of Australian society.

- Birthplace
- Rents and mortgages
- Personal Income
- Type of transport to work
- Household Income
- Occupation and industry
- Marital Status
- Religion

Already hundreds of Australian organisations are using CCDATA96. Some of these organisations had their first glimpse of CCDATA96 at a CCDATA96 'Showcase'

These 'Showcases' were held at the ABS offices in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory, and provided a perfect forum for interested members of both private and government sectors to view a demonstration of the product in an informal environment.

In Queensland a total of 96 people attended 4 Showcases. These people represented 45 different companies and government departments.

In NSW there have been 17 Showcases, with a total of 321 people from 180 different organisations attending the demonstrations.

"The demonstrations provide a tremendous opportunity for clients to talk to us about how CCDATA96 can help them achieve their goals and solve problems" said Nicole Egan, ABS NSW Business Development Manager. "In instances where CCDATA96 may not be appropriate for a particular organisation, we can offer an extensive range of other ABS products and services which provide total data solutions."

If you or a group of your colleagues are interested in viewing a CCDATA96 demonstration, please contact your local State/Territory ABS office for more details.

CCDATA96 demonstrations provide a forum for discussion of an organisation's needs.

What do you think?

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YOUR CENSUS AT WORK

What Do You Think ?

CDATA96 is already being used by hundreds of Australian organisations. Here are two examples of what clients think of CDATA96.

Reprinted from Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health 1997 vol.21 no.7.

"CDATA96 with its greatly improved interface, coupled with the power of MapInfo, will allow public health authorities to extract, analyse and present data relevant to their own population in many ways not previously possible. This is a major advance in the ability to access and analyse census data quickly and to present it in a variety of forms."

**John Skinner
Northern Sydney Area Public Health Unit**

"CDATA has been an indispensable tool to a wide variety of analytical work in the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. Just to name a few examples, it efficiently provides the necessary information for our population projection models, household projection model, housing affordability analysis, and land development programs, such as the Urban Development Program and Metropolitan Urban Development Program. CDATA is also used by district planners in their strategic planning and monitoring work.

Since the marriage of Census information with mapping functionalities in CDATA86, we have witnessed a lot of achievements and improvements in this electronic Census package. CDATA has become a powerful, versatile, yet very user-friendly tool for analysis of data and presentation of results with visual impact. In particular for CDATA96, users in our Department have been impressed by the improved quality of digital base maps and the ease of using the "Quick Build" to obtain the right data for their study area."

**Peter Lee
Statistician
Monitoring & Analysis Branch
NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning**

Providing More In-Depth Information

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The **Thematic Profile Service** is a new service designed to provide more specific subject matter data on the Australian community than can be found in the standard Community Profiles.

Each Thematic Profile gives you a range of census data enabling greater understanding of the group's characteristics on topics such as education, income, employment, housing and mobility. Thematic Profiles can be provided for standard geographic areas from Collection District level as well as customised areas to meet your individual requirements.

Available through the **ABS Consultancy Service**, Thematic Profiles are a set of tables based on a particular topic and there are five available from the 1996 Census:

FAMILY THEMATIC PROFILE

Examines issues such as living arrangements for children, family income, housing, transport, employment and mobility.

YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC PROFILE

Provides information on people aged 12-25 years. The tables examine issues relevant to young people including living arrangements, education, employment and mobility.

OLDER PEOPLE THEMATIC PROFILE

Examines the living arrangements of older people and their type of accommodation. As well, the tables provide information on income, employment, transport, ethnicity and mobility.

ETHNICITY THEMATIC PROFILE

Examines issues of relevance to Australia's ethnic population, such as education, employment and housing. This profile can provide information on all

Here is how several organisations are using information from the Profiles:

A leisure company is considering opening an indoor sports centre in a certain area. They have already determined, using other ABS data, that 12-25 year olds are more likely than older people to participate in these types of sporting pursuits. The Young People Profile for their area gives them information on young people's socio-economic status, including hours spent at work or at study and income earned. This gives the sports organisation a better idea for planning opening hours and charging rates.

A private school in the outer suburbs of a major city wants information on the population in its catchment area with the aim of attracting more students to the school. Information obtained from the Family Profile including income, one and two parent family, hours worked and method of travel to work, enable them to better plan extra-curricular activities, set fees and plan parent days, information which gives the school a leading edge in such a competitive market.

You can select an individual table or a selection of tables from any of the Thematic Profiles. The Profiles are produced on-demand and are available

ethnic groups for a given area, or detailed information on a single ethnic group.

INDIGENOUS THEMATIC PROFILE

Contains selected characteristics of indigenous people.

as hard copy tables or in electronic format. Contact the ABS Consultancy area in your State or Territory for more information.

Consultancy Services

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Tailored information to meet your needs

If you or your organisation need census information not available straight "off-the-shelf", then you'll need a customised table. This service allows you to cross-classify census data items that you are most interested in. For example you can cross-classify age, sex and income by industry. You can also select tables for your own geographic area of interest.

A range of applications

Customised tables can be used for a wide range of purposes. A table can answer a simple question, such as: "How many people living in Australia were born in Italy and arrived in Australia before 1986 and don't speak English very well?" - or give you the information to help you undertake more complex tasks.

Advertising dollars for radio and television stations are very competitive. An advertiser, unsure of whether to buy space with a regional radio station, would want to know the station's audience. For this reason, the radio station had ABS compile a customised table showing age by sex by income for all postal areas in its broadcast area. Combined with the information the station held on who its listeners were, they were able to show the advertiser that their station reached the desired market for their product.

Customised tables give you maximum flexibility in the selection of census variables and geographic areas. ABS Consultants can prepare a table to suit your unique requirements - you can specify any number of census variables for any geographic area of your choice.

For more information on Consultancy Services call your local ABS office.

Household Characteristics

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The **Household Sample File** (HSF) is a comprehensive file of 1996 Census household data formed from a one per cent sample of private dwellings, with their associated family and person records, and a one per cent sample of persons from all non-private dwellings. It is anticipated the data will be released in June 1998 and will cover a number of geographic regions within Australia enabling analysis on both national and smaller area levels.

The data are hierarchically structured and comprise a range of variables for Dwellings, Families and Persons including:

Dwellings

dwelling type, household income, number of bedrooms, housing loan repayment, rent and the number of motor vehicles.

Families

family type, number of dependent children, family income, location of spouse and the number of persons temporarily absent.

Persons

sex, age, birthplace of person, mother and father, language, age left school, labour force status, qualifications, industry, occupation, usual residence indicators and religion.

The HSF has many potential uses for organisations from the research, marketing, real estate, building, banking and finance industries as well as those from the government sector. These potential uses include comprehensive cross-tabulation of variables meeting specified criteria, a wide spectrum of demographic subject matter research, target marketing, regression analysis and data modelling.

The flat text file output format ensures that the HSF is compatible with virtually any software package preferred by users.

For more information on the Household Sample File contact your nearest ABS office.

Census Characteristics Publications

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Did you know?

- 33 Urban Centres in Australia had median weekly household income of \$1,000 or more and
- 7 of the 10 Urban Centres with the greatest population growth since 1991 were in Queensland.



Two new sets of publications from the 1996 Census are now available and provide key findings about Australian communities.

The **Selected Characteristics for Urban Centres and Localities** series provides selected social, housing and labour force data for Urban Centres and Localities. An Urban Centre is a population cluster of 1,000 or more people and a Locality (or rural area) ranges between 200 and 999 people.

Some comparisons are also provided between urban and rural areas at the State/ Territory level. Publications are available for each State and Territory with the exception of the ACT which is included in the NSW publication.

A sample of some of the interesting findings contained in these publications follow;

- in 1996, there were four cities with more than one million people: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth
- Foster (Victoria) and Milton (NSW) had the greatest percentages of females - 55.7% and 55.6% respectively
- places with very high proportions of people aged 65 years or more were overwhelmingly along the NSW and Queensland coastline, for instance Iluka (36.7%), Camden Haven (36.4%) and Harrington (34.2%).

Family and Labour Force Facts

Is there a higher proportion of people living on their own?

Is the number of lone parent families increasing?

What is the average household size in

The answers to all of these questions and much more can be found in **Selected Family and Labour Force Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas**. This series contains family, labour force and other selected data from the 1991 and 1996 Censuses. Separate publications are available for each State and Territory, as well as a national issue.

This series complements the Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for SLAs. The two series combined give an overall picture of the characteristics in Statistical Local Areas.*

In the ACT, 21% of households were lone person households and some 14% of

NSW?

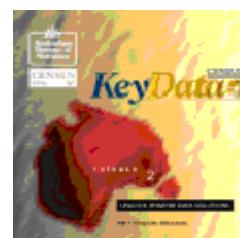
How many people are employed full-time in Victoria?

What percentage of workers are part-timers in the Kimberley area of WA?

families in Victoria were lone parent families. Additionally, couples with dependent children in Queensland comprised 40% of all families.

* When comparing information from the first release series (Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for SLA cat. no 2015.0-8.) with these two newly released publications, users should be aware that the 2105.0-8 series included overseas visitors in all of the 1991 data, but only male, female and total person counts for 1996. This is different to the 2017 series of publications which only includes overseas visitors in age and sex counts in 1991 and 1996 data.

Census KeyData Release 2 Available



Release 2 Available!

The second release of Census KeyData, a CD-ROM product developed from the 1996 Census, is scheduled for release in April. It gives clients on-demand access to a wide selection of 1996 Census data and Shapes Digital Boundaries.

Census KeyData Release 2 contains all of the data contained in Release 1 plus second release data from the Basic Community Profile and other profile data. Information can be obtained about Australia from the national to neighbourhood level- making the information useful to meet planning needs of governments, regional authorities and anyone requiring small area data.

Free access is provided to the Census Dictionary, Directory of Census Statistics, ABS Catalogue of

Available for purchase from Census KeyData Release 2:

All KeyData release 1 content plus:

- Basic Community Profile - including family and labour force characteristics*
- Time Series Profile
- Final Estimated Resident Population
- Classifications

Publications and Products, product demonstrations and sample data. Statistical data and Shapes Digital Boundary data stored on the CD-ROM are encrypted and accessible with a decryption key. This allows clients to pay only for the specific data they need as well as the flexibility to order as required.

Counts
• Selected 1996 Census Digital Boundaries at the 'Shapes' level.

*Due to space limitations on the ROM, MapInfo format will not be available for the BCP. MapInfo users will be able to use the CSV files contained on the ROM.

The decrypted data can be imported directly into a wide range of spreadsheets and analytical software, including Excel and Lotus 123. Census KeyData can also be used in conjunction with the ABS' IRDB and CDATA96.

The shapes boundary data can be used with MapInfo based software products such as the mapping package contained in Excel 7 and MapInfo Desktop. CPROFILE software is provided free to enable you to view, manipulate and print data tables or export selected data items for use with your own software.

Census KeyData means you are only a few steps away from the data you need for all your research, planning and decision-making needs.

With Census KeyData you can determine;

- How many females aged 25-29 live in Randwick; or
- The change in individual weekly income in Brunswick; or
- The number of people who speak Polish in Meekatharra.

*Even more datasets will be included in Release 3, available in September 1998.

These are just some of the many questions that can be answered with Census KeyData.

Free copies of Census KeyData Release 2 CD-ROM are available from ABS Bookshops or by faxing your request to Marketing Services on (02) 6252 8009.

The data contained in Census KeyData are invaluable in helping governments and business to effectively plan, develop and conduct research.

1996 Census Undercount

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The 1996 Census was held on Tuesday 6 August 1996. While the objective of the Census was to include everyone in Australia on this night (except diplomats and their families), inevitably some people were missed.

A survey was conducted after the census to find out how many people were missed. The results of this survey are available in the publication **1996 Census Data Quality: Undercount** (Cat. No. 2940.0) released recently. The survey showed that the proportion of people missed was very small - an estimated 1.6% of people present in Australia on census night 1996 were not counted in the Census. This means that 98.4% of people who should have been counted in the Census were counted.

The data released from the 1996 Census (and other Censuses) are not adjusted for undercount. Users of census data should be aware that the data are subject to undercount and, in particular, that the level of undercount varies for different demographic groups.

Estimates of undercount are used in the estimation of the resident population of Australia. To produce the population estimates, census counts are also adjusted for undercount and other factors. Estimates of the resident population of Australia, the States and Territories are available in **Australian Demographic Statistics** (Cat. No. 3101.0).

The publication (1996 Census Data Quality: Undercount) provides information on the proportion and characteristics of people and dwellings missed in the census. Some key findings include:

- the undercount rate decreased from 1.8% in 1991 to 1.6% in 1996,
- undercount was highest in the Northern Territory (3.3%) and lowest in South Australia (1.2%),
- young adult males had a high undercount rate (4.3% for males aged 20 to 24) while seniors had relatively low rates (1% or less for people aged 55 or over),
- people born in New Zealand had a higher undercount rate (at 2.8%) than people born in Australia or other countries.

Understand the Data with Census Fact Sheets

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Census Fact Sheets are designed to help users gain a greater understanding of Census data.

They are available free of charge on a variety of census concepts such as geography, data quality and confidentiality. The following are a few examples of the many Fact Sheets available that will provide important information regarding census data.

Fact sheet 15 on Overseas Visitors explains the treatment of overseas visitors in the Census and, in particular, explains:

- * What data were collected and coded for overseas visitors in the 1996 Census; and
- * How this differs from data collected in previous Censuses.

Non-Response Rate Fact Sheets provide rates as a proportion of applicable population, and refer to cases where responses to relevant questions were not provided. Available for all of Australia or on a State by State basis.

Fact Sheet 12 is entitled 1996 Census Postal Area Information. This sheet provides information on topics such as Postal Area of Enumeration, Postal Area of Usual Residence as well as Digital Boundaries such as Postal Area Boundaries and Australia Post Postcode Boundaries.

To date the following fact sheets have been released;

Fact Sheet

1. **1996 Census ASGC Structure**
2. **Number of 1996 Census Geographic Areas**
3. **Number of Categories in 1996 Census hierarchical fields**
4. **Census Dwelling Counts**
5. **Difference between Census Counts and ERP figures**
6. **Changes to Variables 1991 - 1996**
7. **Income Imputation**
8. **Confidentiality in Output**
9. **Usual Residence Indicator**
10. **Non-Response Rates**
11. **Changes to Geographic Areas between censuses**
12. **1996 Census Postal Area Information**
13. **Postal Area allocation alternatives**
14. **Journey to Work**
15. **Overseas Visitors**

To obtain your copy of one or all of these fact sheets, call your local ABS office as listed on the back page.

Census Data as Close as Your Local Library



CLIB96 forms an important part of the Australian Bureau Statistics' ongoing commitment to widely disseminate a range of data to the community free of charge. This product has been supplied to over 530 libraries who participate in the Library Extension Program and over 100 additional eligible libraries. These libraries include public libraries, research libraries, State libraries, the National Library and University and TAFE libraries.

CLIB96 Release 2 contains a wide range of census data including:

Basic Community Profile for the full range of areas from Collection District to total Australia (includes all 32 tables)

- Time Series Profile
- Classification Counts (both Release 1 and Release 2 will be on this ROM)
- CProfile software
- 1996 Census Dictionary and on-line help

These form the first two releases of the product. Release 3 (available September) will contain all of the above as well as:

- Usual Residents Profile
- Expanded Community Profile
- Working Population Profile
- Indigenous Profile

To ensure that you can use CLIB96 to its full potential, the package includes on-line help facilities including help for CLIB features and the 1996 Census Dictionary.

CLIB96 has been designed so that it is easy to use, which means that you don't have to be a computer expert to operate it.

Check it out next time you visit your local library and experience the Census in your library.

Census on the Net

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An innovative new way of accessing information from the 1996 Census is now available on this ABS web site.

Two of the summary tables from the 1996 Census Basic Community Profile, are available free of charge, for areas ranging from Statistical

While you're looking at the ABS home page take the time to view

**the full
summary of
findings and
selected tables
from our
publications
entitled
Selected
Social and
Housing
Characteristics
for SLAs (cat.
no. 2015) and
Characteristics
for Urban
Centres and
Localities (cat.
no. 2016).**

Local Areas (SLAs) to all of Australia. The two tables are Selected Characteristics for all persons and Selected Medians. Data for local areas can be easily located by either clicking on the map or using the text search facility.

By using the map facility, you can zoom in to different locations of interest. When you have determined your area of interest, data are displayed for that location.

Alternatively the text search facility will provide data directly for a specified area.

There's also on-line help at the bottom of each screen to assist you to better understand census geography and data.

The ABS Statsite

The ABS Statsite is a World Wide Web based statistical information service located at <https://www.abs.gov.au>

The type of information published on the ABS WWW site includes:

	<p>Statistics - The part of our site where you will find our statistical output, publications and information papers. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key National Indicators• Community Profiles• 1996 Census of Population and Housing State Summaries• Australia in Brief• Selected Main Features• ABS Papers and Classifications• ABS Directories• Links to other Statistical Agencies
	<p>News - News on our latest releases, new products, and changes and improvements to this site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's New• Release Advices• Media Releases• Year 2000 Testing. Detailed information covering those products about which the ABS has received most queries is being progressively posted onto this web site.

 PRODUCTS	<p>Products and Services - Discover the range of products and services that the ABS has to offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDATA96 • Integrated Regional Database 1997 (IRDB97). • Census Update • PC AUSSTATS • ABS Catalogue • ABS Library Extension Program • ABS Education Services
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So the next time you're out surfing the net, take the time to have a look at the ABS Statsite. It will provide you with a detailed picture of the ABS and the products and services we offer.

Check out the Profiles for yourself at <https://www.abs.gov.au>.

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- Basic Community Profile tables on the Internet
- CDATA96 - Release 1- Demographic Social and Housing Data
- Census KeyData - Release 1 and 2
- CLIB96 - Release 1 and 2
- Statistical Geography: Volume 1 - Australian Standard

- Geographical Classification (ASGC)**
- Statistical Geography: Volume 2 - Census Geographic Areas Australia (non-ASGC Areas)
 - Statistical Geography: Volume 3 - ASGC Urban Centres/Localities
 - Australian Demographic Statistics - 1996 Census Edition
 - Regional Population Growth - 1996 Census Edition
 - Social and Housing Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas
 - Counts by Age and Sex for Selected Areas - Northern Territory
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 - Family and Labour Force Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas

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1996 Census Dictionary	2901.0
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How Australia Takes a Census	2903.0
1996 Census - Nature and Content	2008.0
Australian Demographic Statistics, 1996 Census Edition, Dec. Quarter 1996	3101.0
Regional Population Growth, 1996 Census Edition, June 1991 and 1996	3218.0
Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for Suburbs and Postal Areas, Western Australia	2029.5
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**Social and Housing Characteristics
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Social Atlases

New South Wales	2015.1	Sydney	2030.1
Victoria	2015.2	Melbourne	2030.2
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South Australia	2015.4	Adelaide	2030.4
Western Australia	2015.5	Perth	2030.5

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Statistical Geography

Australian Standard Geographical Classification Vol.1	1216.0
Census Geographic Areas Vol. 2	2905.0
Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Urban Centres/Localities Vol.3	2909.0

Characteristics for Urban Centres and Localities

National	2016.0	National	2017.0
NSW and ACT	2016.1	NSW and Jervis Bay	2017.1
Vic	2016.2	Vic	2017.2
Qld	2016.3	Qld	2017.3
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Family and Labour Force Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas

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